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JANUARY 2, 1889.

President.

ABNER CHENEY GOODELL, JR., A.M., Salem, Massachusetts.

Vice-Presidents.

WILLIAM ENDICOTT, JR., A.M.	Boston, Massachusetts.
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HON. JAMES BARRETT, LL.D.	Rutland, Vermont.
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HON. EDWIN H. BUGBEE	Killingly, Connecticut.

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DAVID GREENE HASKINS, JR., A.M. Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Corresponding Secretary.

FRANCIS HENRY BROWN, M.D. Boston, Massachusetts.

Treasurer.

BENJAMIN BARSTOW TORREY Boston, Massachusetts.

Librarian.

JOHN WARD DEAN,† A.M. Medford, Massachusetts.

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FRANCIS HENRY BROWN, M.D.	Boston, Massachusetts.
BENJAMIN BARSTOW TORREY	Boston, Massachusetts.

For Three Years.

REV. ANDREW PRESTON PEABODY, D.D., LL.D.	Cambridge, Massachusetts.
HAMILTON ANDREWS HILL, A.M.	Boston, Massachusetts.
ROBERT CHARLES WINTHROP, JR., A.M.	Boston, Massachusetts.

For Two Years.

HON. WILLIAM CLAFLIN, LL.D.	Newton, Massachusetts.
HENRY AUSTIN WHITNEY,‡ A.M.	Milton, Massachusetts.
JOHN TYLER HASSAM, A.M.	Boston, Massachusetts.

For One Year.

WILLIAM BLAKE TRASK, A.M.	Boston, Massachusetts.
GRENVILLE HOWLAND NORCROSS, LL.B.	Boston, Massachusetts.
FRANK ELIOT BRADISH, A.B.	Boston, Massachusetts.

* Died April 3, 1889.

† Resigned February 1, 1889.

‡ Died February 21, 1889.

OFFICERS

APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1889.

Historiographer.

HAMILTON ANDREWS HILL, A.M. . . . Boston, Massachusetts.

Editor of Publications.

JOHN WARD DEAN, A.M. . . . Medford, Massachusetts.

ADDRESS
OF
ABNER C. GOODELL, JR., A.M.
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS THIRD ELECTION AS
PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY.

GENTLEMEN :

I am aware that in accordance with established usage something more will be expected of me on this occasion than a grateful acknowledgment of the manifestation of your partiality, which has again placed me in the honorable post that I have held for two years past. I had intended, if the opportunity were offered to me of addressing you officially at the beginning of another year, to prepare an exhaustive account of the donations which this Society has received from the beginning, and to propose certain plans for systematizing the work of the Society, with a view of securing the active coöperation of members who either have remained wholly inactive heretofore, or have taken only a subordinate and very unimportant part in the labors for the promotion of which we are united in this organization. The preparation of such a paper, I thought, would be profitable, since it could not but involve a careful study of what had been done *by* the Society in the course of its existence of more than forty years, as well as *for* the Society by its members and well-wishers. Moreover, the incorporation of such an essay in the annual address seemed a convenient way of furnishing to every member the means of readily ascertaining, by reference to the printed proceedings, the particulars of each donation, both as regards the amount and the conditions of the gift. In pursuance of

this design, I have gone carefully through the nine volumes of our MS. records; that is, the seven volumes of the Society's proceedings and two volumes of the records of the directors, making minute and copious extracts as I proceeded. The results of this examination, when compared with the books of the Treasurer, disclose the fact that no complete statement such as I proposed could be made without an equally careful examination of our fiscal accounts from the beginning. I have therefore concluded to abandon my original purpose and to lay the subject before the Council at an early day, with a recommendation that it be placed in the hands of a competent committee to consider and report upon it with a view to having the matter thoroughly investigated and the results of the committee's examination printed for the use of the Society in such manner as the Council may deem expedient.

By the report of the Treasurer, which has been read to you, you will have observed that there remains in his hands a surplus of income over all current expenses and liabilities, after extinguishing the balance of the outstanding account for binding books which had increased to \$239.58. Let us indulge the hope that, small though it be, this improvement is the beginning of a new era in our financial condition. With regard to the expenditure of the building-fund I have nothing to add to what I stated in my last annual address, except that, of the fund which remains intact, \$20,000 has been more profitably invested, and that the income from this source has been applied to the general purposes of the Society under a liberal interpretation of the expressed intention of the donors, which has been construed to warrant any necessary outlay for the better arrangement and preservation of our library and cabinets, which are confessedly the only purpose for which a new building or the enlargement of our present house is required. To this increase of income, also, we are indebted for the favorable showing on the Treasurer's books, notwithstanding several extraordinary expenditures incurred during the past year.

A large number of books, pamphlets and newspapers which had been stored in our cellar, or had been inaccessible for common use, have been removed to a building in Pemberton square, where the committee charged with the duty of making this change have made considerable progress in sorting and arranging them for future disposal.

I feel constrained to renew the appeal I made to you in my last annual address for substantial encouragement for the Researches heretofore conducted in England by Mr. Waters, which are still suspended for want of funds. Pardon me for again repeating that "no one thing in the whole career of our Society has reflected more credit upon the enterprise of its managers, and been fruitful of results more brilliant and startling and more full of promise to the historian and the genealogist, than the discoveries which have been made in England by Mr. Waters."

Again, too, I urge you to use every effort to increase the number of paying subscribers to the New-England Historical and Genealogical Register; and I beg to refer you to what I have said on that head and on the subject of the Memorial Biographies in my last annual address.

Besides the two extraordinary meetings of this Society during the past year, the occasion of the memorial address on my predecessor by the Rev. Andrew P. Peabody, D.D., LL.D., which was delivered in Horticultural Hall on the 18th of January last, and the centennial anniversary of the vote of the Massachusetts convention for ratification of the Federal Constitution, which was delivered by your president in this hall on the 6th of February last, delegations have been sent from this Society to participate in the celebrations at Marietta, in the State of Ohio, on the 7th of April last, and at Concord, in the State of New Hampshire, on the 21st of June last; and a movement is being made, as you have heard to-day, to send another delegation to New York to join in the centennial celebration of the opening of the first Congress of the United States. I should be most happy to furnish credentials to any member who would like to attend that celebration and enjoy the hospitalities which will undoubtedly be extended to all delegates.

The reports of the Librarian, the Corresponding Secretary and of the committees chosen at the last annual meeting are before you; but we have missed the familiar voice of our Historiographer, the venerable and beloved Dr. Tarbox, the appointment of whose successor will devolve upon the Council elected to-day. I may therefore be excused for alluding to the fact that among the names of the forty-two members and benefactors who have died during the past year there stand forth most prominently, besides Dr. Tarbox, the Hon. Morrison R. Waite, chief justice of the United States;

the Hon. John Wentworth of Chicago, our honorary vice-president for the State of Illinois; the Hon. Horace Fairbanks, our vice-president for the State of Vermont; the Rev. James Freeman Clarke, the Hon. William S. Gardner, the Hon. John W. Bacon, Ephraim George Squier, A.M., Gen. Adin B. Underwood and John Eglington Bailey, F.S.A. By the death of Ira Ballou Peck, Esq., of Woonsocket, R. I., who has so generously remembered this Society in his last will and testament, we have lost one whose interest in our welfare was deep and long continued.

The lateness of the hour and a reluctance to trespass upon your patience alike admonish me to be brief. I therefore conclude by calling your attention to the details of business which are to follow, and by bespeaking the earnest and cheerful coöperation of every member present in an effort to put our Society on such a foundation both as respects permanency and ability to accomplish the most useful results as will make your connection with it a solace to you in active life and in retirement, and an honor worthy to be coveted by the wisest and best men throughout the world.

PROCEEDINGS.

THE annual meeting of the NEW-ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY was held in the hall in Society's House, 18 Somerset Street, Boston, on Wednesday, January 2, 1889, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The President, Abner C. Goodell, Jr., A.M., took the chair.

The recording secretary, David G. Haskins, Jr., A.M., read the record of the previous meeting.

The annual reports were then presented and are here printed.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Hamilton Andrews Hill, A.M., the corresponding secretary, submitted the following report:

Five gentlemen have accepted corresponding membership in the Society during the year:

Nicholas Darnell Davis, Georgetown, Demarara.

Hon. John Eaton, Ph. D., LL.D., Marietta, Ohio.

James Atkins Noyes, A.B., New York.

William Phillimore Watts Phillimore, M.A., LL.B., Chiswick, England.

Baron de Ramione, Palermo, Italy.

Thirty-three gentlemen have accepted resident membership:

Frank William Andrews, Boston.

George D. Ayers, Malden.

Leander Beal, Boston.

William Leonard Benedict, Boston.

Hon. Frederick Billings, A.M., Woodstock, Vermont.

Charles Knowles Bolton, Cambridge.

Walter Frederic Brooks, Worcester.

Francis Henry Brown, A.M., M.D., Boston.
 Edward Knowles Butler, A.B., Jamaica Plain.
 Rev. Ezra Hoyt Byington, A.M., Worcester.
 Robert Inglee Carter, Jamaica Plain.
 Rev. William Henry Cobb, A.B., Newton Centre.
 Charles Thornton Davis, A.B., Boston.
 Theodore Frelinghuysen Dwight, Quincy.
 Charles Augustus Greene, M.D., Harrisburg, Pa.
 Rev. John Alexander Hamilton, D.D., Boston.
 Isaac Weare Hammond, Concord, N. H.
 Lemuel LeBaron Holmes, B.S., New Bedford.
 Alexander Hamilton Ladd, Portsmouth, N. H.
 Babson Savilian Ladd, A.B., Boston.
 James Henry Lea, Fairhaven.
 William Little, Newbury.
 Arthur Frederick Means, Boston.
 Hon. Elijah Adams Morse, Canton.
 Henry William Knowlton, Newburyport.
 William Prentiss Parker, Roxbury.
 Linus E. Pearson, Boston.
 Rev. Alfred Porter Putnam, D.D., Concord.
 Hon. Frederick Smyth, A.M., Manchester, N. H.
 Alfred R. Turner, Malden.
 Fiske Warren, A.B., Boston.
 John Wilson, Cambridge.
 Winthrop Church Winslow, A.B., Boston.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The treasurer submitted the following report for the year ending December 31, 1888:

<i>Income.</i>	
Balance of account January 1, 1888	\$86.78
Received Assessments, Admission Fees, etc. \$1,138.32	
" Income of Life Membership Fund 705.00	
" " Librarian Fund . 877.04	
" " Bradbury " . 143.78	
" " Alden " . 48.86	
" " Latham " . 58.00	
Legacy from the late Increase N. Tarbox 250.00	
Interest received 1,343.66	
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	\$4,564.66
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	\$4,651.44

Expenditures.

Paid Care of House and Repairs . . .	\$597.44	
" Salaries of Librarian and Assistants	1,715.92	
" Printing and Stationery	505.78	
" Postage	68.96	
" Express	13.90	
" Fuel, Gas and Water	101.75	
" Insurance	165.00	
" Storage of Books	100.00	
" Balance of Binding account . . .	239.58	
" City Tax	53.60	
" Committee on English Research . .	395.43	
" Miscellaneous	163.35	
	<hr/>	\$4,120.71
Balance		\$530.73

Towne Memorial Fund.

Amount of Fund January 1, 1888 . .	\$4,245.73	
Income from Investments	300.00	
Books sold in 1888	15.75	
	<hr/>	\$4,561.48
Paid Postage		21.80
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Present amount of Fund		\$4,539.68

Life Membership Fund.

Amount of Fund January 1, 1888 . .	\$11,337.74	
Received for one Commutation fee in 1888	30.00	
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Present amount of Fund		\$11,367.74

Barstow Fund.

Amount of Fund January 1, 1888 . .	\$1,200.00	
Income in 1888	51.28	
	<hr/>	\$1,251.28
Carried to credit of Binding account		51.28
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Present amount of Fund		\$1,200 00

Income of Sever Fund.

Debit balance January 1, 1888	\$126.32	
Books bought in 1888	174.20	
	<hr/>	\$300.52
Income in 1888		232.12
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Balance to debit of this account		\$68.40

Income of Russell Fund.

Balance of Income January 1, 1888 . . .	\$90.21	
Income in 1888	174.00	
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Books bought in 1888		222.36
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Credit balance		\$41.85

Cushman Fund.

Amount of Fund January 1, 1888 . . .	\$112.67	
Books sold	4.00	
Income in 1888	4.04	
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Present amount of Fund		\$120.71

Bond Fund.

Amount of Fund January 1, 1888 . . .	\$868.46	
Income in 1888	38.50	
	<hr/>	\$906.96
Books purchased in 1888 $\frac{1}{2}$ of Income . . .		33.69
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Present amount of Fund		\$873.27

Contributions for Researches in English Records.

Balance January 1, 1888	\$750.00	
Received in 1888	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,000.00
Paid C. A. Drew, Clerk of Committee . . .		\$1,000.00

New England Historical and Genealogical Register.

Balance January 1, 1888	\$1.99	
Received for subscriptions, 1888-9 . . .	1,047.30	
" Sales of copies, covers, etc. . . .	393.67	
	<hr/>	\$1,442.96
Paid for printing, paper, postage, etc. .	\$1,359.71	
" J. W. Dean	100.00	
" S. C. Kennedy, for Index	40.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,499.71
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Balance to debit of this account		\$56.75

The following Funds stand on the books as per last report:—

Librarian Fund	\$12,763.13
Bradbury "	2,500.00
Latham "	1,000.00

Alden Fund	1,000.00
Sever	5,000.00
Russell	3,000.00
Wilder Subscription Building Fund	24,930.39

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1888.

11 Detroit & Bay City Railroad 8 per cent. Bonds,	\$11,000.00	Towne Memorial Fund	\$4,539.88
25 Shares Austin City Water Co., Nevada,	500.00	Latham	1,000.00
4 Old Colony R. R. 6 per cent. Bonds,	4,000.00	Barstow	1,200.00
1 Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw R. R. 8 per cent. Bond,	937.50	Librarian	12,763.13
2 Sangamon County, Ill., 8 per cent. Bonds,	2,000.00	Life Membership	11,367.74
3 N. E. Mortgage Security Co. 5 per cent. Bonds,	3,000.00	Russell	3,000.00
10 Shawalter Mortgage Co., De- benture Bonds, 6 per cent.	10,000.00	Sever	5,000.00
Shawalter Mortgage Co., 7 per cent. Mortgages,	10,000.00	Bond	873.27
3 Michigan Central R. R. 8 per cent. Bonds,	3,000.00	Cushman	120.71
Savings Bank in Roxbury, Bond fund,	992.13	Alden	1,000.00
Savings Bank in Roxbury, Cush- man fund,	104.71	Bradbury	2,500.00
Warren Ins. for Savings, Charlestown,	900.88	Wilder Subscription Building Fund,	24,930.39
Provident Ins. for Savings, Boston,	1,115.10	Income of Russell Fund,	41.85
Suffolk Savings Bank, Boston,	869.77	General Income Account,	530.73
Real Estate rear of 18 Somerset St., Boston,	3,500.00		
5 Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley R. R. 6 per ct. Bonds,	5,000.00		
4 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. Coll. Trust, 6 per ct. Bonds,	4,000.00		
Deposit in Hamilton National Bank,	4,091.01		
" " New England Trust Co.,	1,467.35		
" " Washington Nat. Bank,	959.30		
" " Franklin Savings Bank,	420.42		
Premium on Bonds,	834.18		
Cash,	50.00		
New England Historical and Genealogical Register,	55.75		
Income of Sever Fund,	68.40		
	<u>\$68,867.50</u>		<u>\$68,867.50</u>

In addition to the above is the Society's House, which, with alterations and land, originally cost \$43,875.34, and the Library.

B. B. TORREY,
Treasurer.

Having examined the above account and the securities named therein, I hereby certify that the account appears to be correct, and that the foregoing is an accurate statement of the money and securities in the hands of the Treasurer.

ALVAH A. BURRAGE,
Chairman of Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

John Ward Dean, A.M., the librarian, reported as follows :

The whole number of volumes in the library as reported last year was,	23,681
Purchased during the year,	99
Received from the Trustees of the Kidder Fund,	46
Donations,	305
Whole number of volumes at this time,	24,131
The whole number of pamphlets reported last year was,	68,086
Purchased,	43
Donations,	594
Whole number of pamphlets at the present time,	68,723
Whole number of volumes and pamphlets at the present time,	92,854

The donations for 1888, as will be seen by the above statement, have been large. In behalf of the Society, I would tender thanks to the numerous donors for their valuable gifts. Many of them have filled gaps that needed to be filled, and all of them will be useful to the investigators who resort to us for information. I beg to say to members and friends that for the coming year I hope they will be equally if not more bountiful. Any historical books will be gratefully received. If they happen to be duplicates of what we already have, we can exchange them for what we have not. We would particularly ask the gift of Local Histories, Genealogies and Biographies. We should be glad to have every book of these classes which has ever been printed in this country. Let every reader of this report who has such a volume, old or new, large or small, for which he has no further use, be assured that it will be most welcome to our shelves. I hope our members and others will take a pride in making the library as complete as possible in its several specialties.

Some members make it a rule to present at least one volume to the Society during each year. Their example is recommended to others. A few years ago, President Wilder invited natives and residents of the several New England towns to copy the records of those towns, or procure copies of them, for our library. Some of them complied with this request, which is here repeated. We would advise members to see that our collection of books and pamphlets concerning the towns in which they are interested is made as complete as possible. They can at least add one title. Graduates of colleges and academics are asked to help complete our collection of catalogues and other pamphlets relating to them.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Willard S. Allen, A.M., the chairman, reported as follows:

The Committee have the satisfaction of reporting that the additions to the Library during the past year, both by purchase and donation, will compare favorably with those of former years, as will be seen by the report of the Librarian at this meeting. We have now on our shelves a good collection of books illustrating American local and family history. The incomes of the Sever and Russell funds have furnished us with the means of supplying our shelves with many desirable books which could not be obtained as donations, though not to the extent that we could desire. As heretofore, the chief source of our supply has been from the gifts of members and other friends. We have also received some needed works from the Trustees of the Kidder Fund. Our principal accessions have been in the departments of local history, genealogy and biography.

Our collection of books illustrating English genealogy, and particularly of the seventeenth and preceding centuries, has been materially increased during the year. There has been of late years a great increase in the number of Visitations, Parish Registers, Genealogies and kindred works printed in England, both by societies and individuals. It has been an object of the Committee to procure as many of these as our funds available for the purpose will allow.

A larger sum than usual has been spent in binding our books, and a still larger sum could profitably be used. Our greatest want, however, is more room for the books we have and for the additions which are daily made to them.

Our Library is much used by members of the Society and visitors from abroad, some of whom come to the city for the special purpose of consulting our books and manuscripts. This is particularly the case with persons compiling town histories and genealogies, most of whom show their gratitude for the favors they receive by presenting to the Society copies of their books.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

John Ward Dean, A.M., the chairman, made the following annual report:

The Committee report that during the past year the forty-second annual volume of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register has been completed, and the first quarterly number of the forty-third volume has been issued. They would particularly commend this periodical to the patronage of members. It is the organ of the Society, and one of the principal means of advancing its objects. As the money received from subscriptions and sales is expended upon the work, a larger circulation, which would produce

larger receipts, would enable the Committee to make the Register more worthy of the Society and of more benefit to the public.

The Committee have also caused the proceedings of the Society at its annual meeting to be printed under their charge in pamphlet form, as they were directed by a vote passed at that meeting. The pamphlet has been sent to every resident and life member. Copies have also been placed in the hands of the President and Librarian, to be distributed at their discretion.

The commemorative discourse on the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, LL.D., by the Rev. Andrew P. Peabody, D.D., has been issued, by subscription, in a handsome style, under the charge of a special committee. This appreciative tribute to the memory of our honored president and benefactor should be in the hands of every member and friend of the Society.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAPERS.

Rev. Henry A. Hazen, A.M., the chairman, made this report:

This Committee has no occasion to make any other report than is found in the following record of the subjects and readers, which may speak for itself:

In February, "The Commemoration of the Ratification of the Constitution of the United States by Massachusetts." Address by the President, Abner C. Goodell, Jr., A.M.

In March, "The Marietta Colony of 1788," by the Rev. Israel W. Andrews, D.D.

In April, "The Rocky Mountains in the Saddle," by the Rev. William Barrows, D.D.

In May, "Thomas Hutchinson, the last Royal Governor of Massachusetts," by Prof. John Fiske, A.M.

In June, "Vindication of Gen. Samuel Holden Parsons," by the Hon. George B. Loring.

In October, "Fifty Years of the White Mountains," by the Rev. Luther Farnham, A.M.

In November, "Comparative Civilization of the Connecticut and St. Lawrence Rivers," by the Rev. John W. Harding of Longmeadow.

In December, "The New England *versus* The Loyalist Emigration to Nova Scotia," by Benjamin Rand, Ph. D.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENGLISH RESEARCH.

John T. Hassam, A.M., chairman of this Committee, reported as follows:

The Committee on English Research are again compelled to regret that the means at their disposal are so clearly inadequate,

not only to the proper prosecution of these investigations in England, but even to the prompt presentation to the public here of the results already attained. For nearly six years this work has been in progress, and during the whole of that time there has been published regularly in the REGISTER the valuable series of papers entitled by Mr. Waters, "Genealogical Gleanings in England." The extent of the field covered by those already printed, the large number of New England families which they concern, and the importance of the discoveries made, are well-known to this Society and to all antiquaries, and need not be enlarged upon here.

Yet when it is considered that these notes, although filling more than 300 closely printed pages, form but a small part of the vast store that Mr. Waters has accumulated, that his collection of abstracts of wills and administrations alone long ago reached the extraordinary number of 7,000, and that it is still on the increase, we begin to realize how little, with our present limited facilities, we have been able to make accessible to the public through the press.

It must be remembered also that this mass of hitherto unused and undiscovered historical material has been laboriously brought to light by the unaided efforts,—more than once interrupted by ill health,—of a single antiquary. How much might have been done had he been provided at the start with sufficient clerical and other assistance.

It is doubtless difficult for even experienced antiquaries in a new country like ours to realize how great is the accumulation of historical and genealogical material in England; how little of it, comparatively speaking, has ever been made use of, and what discoveries consequently await us in the years to come.

As the wide scope of this undertaking becomes apparent, the more obvious will be the necessity of putting it on a proper financial basis by establishing a permanent fund, the income of which will be sufficient for the further prosecution, on a still more extended scale, of researches so fruitful in the past and of such promise for the future. The great need of the Society to-day is such a Research Fund.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE KIDDER FUND.

William B. Trask, A.M., reported in behalf of this Committee:

This fund, consisting of five shares of the Cabot Manufacturing Company, of which the par value is \$500.00 a share, was bequeathed by the late Frederic Kidder, of Melrose, for the benefit of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. The income is to be used by the Trustees for the purchase of historical and genealogical books for the library of the Society.

The trustees have received in balance from last year,	\$ 10.31
The trustees have received in dividends,	150.00
The trustees have received in interest,	3.42
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	\$163.73
They have paid for 46 vols. deposited in the library of the Society,	134.87
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Balance on hand,	\$28.86

REPORT ON DANGERS TO PUBLIC RECORDS.

John T. Hassam, A.M., a special committee appointed by the Board of Directors, to prepare a report on the Public Records, the danger to which they are exposed, and the proper method of preserving them, by the direction of that board reported to this meeting as follows:

THERE is no subject which has a stronger claim to our attention than the preservation of town and county records.

It is greatly to be regretted that when the General Court, in 1639, first made provision for our system of records, it did not require them to be on parchment, as was the case with contemporary records in England, instead of allowing them to be intrusted to such perishable material as paper. Wills in the Principal Registry of Probate in London, handsomely written on parchment, and probated as early as 1373, are, after the lapse of more than five hundred years, just as legible and in just the same condition as they were when they were made. Ancient charters, far ante-dating even these, are just as perfect now as on the day when they were granted. In the first year of the reign of King James the First, anno 1603, it was expressly ordered that the Church records of baptisms, marriages and burials should be on parchment, thereby supplementing the proposed legislation of the fifth year of Queen Elizabeth, anno 1563. Even to this day, in England, wills, deeds, marriage settlements, and other important legal documents continue to be written on parchment. But in this country, parchment, from the very earliest times, seems to have been seldom or never used for municipal or ecclesiastical records, and but very rarely for legal documents. In our own day, even its name is in danger of being lost or rather applied to something quite different. For when the shop-keepers and stationers speak of parchment, they mean parchment-paper—an imitation parchment—not real parchment, the skins themselves, which alone are suitable for the public records and which should have been used for that purpose from the very first.

For paper, even the best of it, cannot be lasting or permanent. Our most ancient records are written on English hand-made paper, far superior in every respect to the machine-made paper of modern times. Whether our dry climate is more injurious to paper than is the moist climate of England is a subject which need not be entered upon here. Some of our public records have resisted decay for more than 250 years, but it is only too evident that these powers of resistance are now in many cases nearly at an end, and that the time is not far distant when these records will have entirely disappeared. Perhaps if we had continued in the simple ways of our forefathers the evil day might have been still further postponed, but it is certain that the introduction of modern improvements, like steam heat and gas, into our large public offices has resulted in the rapid deterioration of the records therein contained. In some instances the paper has become too brittle to touch, and it has crumbled into small pieces. In others it has been fairly perforated by the corrosive action of the ink. Some record books long kept in safes have alternately absorbed moisture and then become dry until their leaves, reduced to mere tinder, can hardly be turned at all.

But this hand-made rag paper, perishable as it has proved to be, is far more suitable for record purposes than is the modern machine-made article. With that, the case is still worse. Very little paper is now manufactured entirely from rags. Most of that now in use is made wholly or partly of wood fibre. This adulteration is not due merely to the paper-makers' desire to produce cheaper goods. The enormous increase in the use of paper in modern times compels them to seek new sources of supply for raw materials. All the rags in the world would prove insufficient to enable them to meet the incessant demand for more paper. This wood paper has been known to commerce for less than a score of years—much too short a period to enable us to determine satisfactorily how long it may be expected to last. But in all human probability it will be less able than the other to stand the test of time, and will shortly begin to crumble to pieces. Some experts maintain that the whole literature of this generation will have utterly disappeared before the end of the next century, just as if it had never been, by the decay of the paper on which it is printed.

The introduction of gas has proved destructive to books in great libraries, not only in this country but also in England. And it is probable that new inventions for heating and lighting will, in the future, make no smaller demands on the strength of fabrics.

Not only does paper crumble, but ink loses its color. In some of our public offices, records not half a century old have almost faded out. Are we sure that the writing inks now in use will leave any visible trace of their existence to the searcher of the next century?

But this is not all. To the slow but certain destruction caused by the disintegration of the paper, must be added swift and remorseless

annihilation by fire. In the smaller towns generally the records are kept in the house of the Town Clerk. The provisions of Pub. Stat. ch. 37, § 4, in regard to fire-proof safes, are illusory. In the larger towns and in the cities, a perhaps safer place of deposit is found in the town and city halls, but after the experience we have had in the great Boston, Chicago and Portland fires, no such building can be said with confidence to be fire proof. Some of our ancient towns have lost all their records by fire. And the same is true of many parishes. Indeed, the loss, from this cause alone, of town, church and county records, is in the aggregate little short of appalling. Under these circumstances, it is almost criminal negligence to allow any book of record to exist only in a single copy. Its life then hangs by a single thread.

Now what is the remedy for this state of affairs? It is not far to seek, but is manifest to every thinking man. Not even the crumbling of the paper, the corrosion or fading of the ink, not even a sweeping conflagration, can utterly destroy records whose custodians have taken proper means to preserve them. How can this be done? In one way only. Simply by the multiplication of copies. The invention of the art of printing has made great changes in the modern world. In no direction has the advance been greater than in this. Copies, instead of being made toilsomely and laboriously by hand, can now be produced almost with the quickness of thought; and the great reduction in the cost of printing of late years has placed it in the power of every town and parish, however poor and feeble, to put into imperishable form its records, at least the earliest of them. And the work cannot be begun too soon. Nor is this all. The greater use made of stereotyping now-a-days—for now even newspapers are printed from stereotype plates—has given us an additional safeguard. The printed volumes, being widely distributed, could not all be destroyed by fire, and being subject to different atmospheric conditions could not all crumble to pieces at once. Some would certainly survive. But even if they should not, the stereotype plates would remain. From them, other copies could be printed at the mere cost of press-work and paper. This would forever set at rest all fear of a total loss of records, a fate which hangs over most town and county records to-day.

Where an ancient town has remained intact from its first settlement until now, the necessity of preserving in print records of such great historical value is readily apparent. Yet where other towns have been, in more modern times, set off from an ancient town, the need becomes still more evident. The safety of the records and the convenience of the public alike require it. Some towns have been repeatedly subdivided. In one instance, some seventeen or eighteen towns have been, in whole or in part, formed from the territory granted by the General Court to the original town. And other instances, equally as striking, can doubtless be cited. Although the

newer municipalities have a history in common with the older towns of which they once formed a part, their records are defective inasmuch as they extend back only to the time of separation, the books prior to that date remaining in the hands of the clerk of the parent town. This works serious inconvenience. Matters are continually coming up which necessitate reference to the earlier records, and they are not at hand. Each new town should have a complete set of the records, prior to separation, of the original town of which it then formed a part. They belong as much to it as to the other. A new town should not be forced to see such invaluable documents placed beyond its control and in the keeping of officials not responsible to it, subjected to all the vicissitudes and dangers which records are continually running. Now the art of printing enables us to obviate all these difficulties. It solves the problem completely. When once the records are in type, extra copies can be had merely for the cost of press-work and paper. And each is an exact duplicate of the other. No copyist's errors need be feared where the work is done with such mechanical accuracy. A printed copy is vastly superior to any manuscript copy that can possibly be made.

But it must not for a moment be supposed that the people who live in any given town are the only persons interested in its records or concerned for the preservation of them. All of our towns, both ancient and modern, have contributed no small portion of their population to build up and develop the other parts of our rapidly growing country. There is hardly a remote corner of any one of the states and territories of the West where representatives of our New England families are not to be found. They naturally feel a peculiar pride in the place of their birth, and the children of these exiles should be encouraged to keep constantly in mind the home of their fathers. The publication of these records, therefore, interests a much larger number of people than are to be found within the limits of any single town, and these printed volumes reach more readers than we can easily imagine.

It is not necessary for the present purpose to go into details. But a few practical suggestions will not be out of place.

Steps should be at once taken to put in print the general records of every town, including, of course, the Selectmen's books, starting with the first volume and bringing the work down to at least the beginning of the present century.

As for the births, deaths and marriages, under the law as it now stands, the clerk of each city and town is required by Pub. Stat. ch. 32 § 10 to annually transmit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth certified copies of the records of births, marriages and deaths which have occurred therein during the preceding year. These certified copies in the Secretary's office would be invaluable in case of the destruction by fire of the original records. Although they begin with the year 1841, and continue up to the present time, the

returns for the first few years are very defective. The only official records prior to the passage of the Acts in Relation to Registration Returns are in the custody of the various town and city clerks and city registrars and clerks of courts. Many of them are in very bad condition, and they are fast going to decay. Of these no duplicates, except in very rare instances, exist, and when once destroyed they can never be replaced. These records should at once be printed down to at least the year 1845, or better still to 1850. In no town are they very voluminous, and the cost of putting them in print need not be great.

But these town records of births, marriages and deaths need to be supplemented by the Church Records. In many cases the latter will supply important information not to be found in the Town Records. These ecclesiastical records containing baptisms, marriages, deaths, burials, admissions and dismissals, should be printed down to the same date, 1850. They are even more likely to be lost or destroyed than the municipal records, being scattered about in various parishes and in too many cases in hands of persons who are far from appreciating their value. The number of extinct parishes, the records of which have fallen into private possession, is probably much greater than is generally supposed, and the provisions of Pub. Stat. ch. 37, §§ 15 and 16, in such cases have not, it is to be feared, been strictly complied with.

Then there are the inscriptions on the gravestones in ancient cemeteries. These stones are liable to be broken or to crumble away. They are seldom lasting and are not so durable as the printed page. The disappearance of old gravestones is within the experience of every one who has had much to do with them. These inscriptions should be copied and printed down to the same date, 1850. With the general records of the towns, including the selectmen's books and proprietors' records brought down to the beginning of this century, and the records, municipal and ecclesiastical, of births, marriages, deaths, burials, admissions and dismissals brought down to 1850 and all in print, we could rest in confidence that this part of our records would be safe for all time.

As for County and State Records, where the necessity for printing is if possible even more imperative, that subject can be considered at another time.

One more matter of detail may be alluded to here. Of course, it will not do to set up type directly from the original. A copy should be made for the printer. This copy should be written only on one side of the paper, leaving the other blank, and should be carefully collated with the original. But the proof sheets as they come from the printer should be compared not with the copy but with the original record. By this means only, can we be sure to avoid all errors and thus have in print an accurate transcript of the original.

The pagination of the original should be carefully preserved by placing each of its page numbers in brackets in that part of the printed page where each page of the original begins. There is no need of any other numbering, and the index can thus be made to refer directly to the original records.

This index should be an index of places and an index of persons arranged both by Christian and surnames. A miscellaneous or general index will also be found useful, and will greatly facilitate reference to the original.

Small pica—the size in which this report is printed—will probably be found the most convenient type.

There are many advantages in stereotyping. In the first place, fewer copies need be printed. Others can be struck off at any time afterwards as they are needed. This will effect a saving in many ways. Then too corrections, if errors are discovered, can be made in the plates, and thus the long list of “errata” which used to disfigure books can be avoided. Nothing of this sort will show in the books when printed. Stereotyping is now much cheaper than formerly, and it adds but slightly (all things considered) to the actual cost.

Several towns are now engaged in putting in print their early records. It is desirable therefore to secure unity of action, and to call the attention of such towns as have not yet taken any steps in this direction, to the importance and necessity of prompt action. These are a few of the reasons which might be urged in favor of the immediate undertaking of the good work.

The report was accepted and referred to the Council for action.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HERALDRY.

Mr. John Coffin Jones Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Heraldry, reported verbally on the work done by the committee during the last year.

HISTORIOGRAPHER'S DEPARTMENT.

Owing to the death of the Historiographer, the Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., on the 3d of May last, and no successor having been chosen, there was no report in this department at this meeting. The following list of deaths last year has been prepared, and is here printed:

1865. James Haughton, a life member, born at Montville, Conn., June 2, 1807; died at Bryn Mawr, Penn., January 2, 1888.

- 1863. William Emerson Baker, a life member, born in Boston, Mass., April 16, 1828; died in Boston, January 5, 1888.
- 1865. Gen. Adin Ballou Underwood, A.B., a life member, born in Milford, Mass., May 19, 1828; died in Boston, January 14, 1888.
- 1883. John Kimball Rogers, a resident member, born in Gloucester, Mass., January 31, 1821; died in Brookline, Mass., January 27, 1888.
- 1869. Jonathan Tenney, A.M., a corresponding member, born in Corinth, Vermont, September 14, 1817; died in Albany, N. Y., February 24, 1888.
- 1882. Alfred Cushing Hersey, a resident member, born in Hingham, Mass., November 29, 1804; died in Hingham, March 8, 1888.
- 1880. Hon. Horace Fairbanks, a resident member, and vice-president for Vermont, born in Barnet, Vermont, March 21, 1820; died in New York City, March 17, 1888.
- 1886. Hon. Morrison Remich Waite, LL.D., an honorary member, born in Lyme, Conn., November 29, 1816; died in Washington, D.C., March 23, 1888.
- 1864. Hon. John William Bacon, A.M., a resident member, born in Natick, Mass., June 12, 1818; died in Taunton, Mass., March 21, 1888.
- 1867. Hon. William Sewall Gardner, A.M., a life member, born in Hallowell, Maine, October 1, 1827; died in Newton, Mass., April 4, 1888.
- 1872. Stephen Grant Deblois, a resident member, born in Boston, Mass., August 1, 1816; died in Boston, April 5, 1888.
- 1882. Gilbert Nash, a resident member, born at Weymouth, Mass., April 28, 1825; died at East Braintree, Mass., April 13, 1888.
- 1861. Ephraim George Squier, A.M., a corresponding member, born in Bethlehem, N. Y., June 17, 1821; died in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 17, 1888.
- 1863. Rev. Increase Niles Tarbox, D.D., a resident member, born at East Windsor, Conn., February 11, 1815; died at West Newton, Mass., May 3, 1888.
- 1859. Rev. James Freeman Clarke, D.D., a life member, born in Hanover, N. H., April 4, 1810; died in Jamaica Plain, Mass., June 8, 1888.
- 1869. Hon. William Hyde, a resident member, born in Lee, Mass., August 16, 1806; died in Ware, Mass., June 24, 1888.
- 1853. Ira Ballou Peck, a life member, born in Wrentham, Mass., February 12, 1805; died in Woonsocket, R. I., June 29, 1888.
- 1873. William Tolman Carlton, a resident member, born in Boston, May —, 1816; died in Dorchester, June 28, 1888.

- 1871. Jonathan Preston, a life member, born in Beverly, Mass., July 14, 1801; died in Boston, Mass., July 3, 1888.
- 1870. Abraham Thompson Lowe, M.D., a life member, born in Ashburnham, Mass., August 15, 1796; died at Ashburnham, July 4, 1888.
- 1859. Col. William Vincent Hutchings, a resident member, born in Gloucester, Mass., December 3, 1824; died in Auburndale, Mass., July 26, 1888.
- 1883. John Eglington Bailey, F.S.A., a corresponding member, born at Edgbarton, near Birmingham, England, February 13, 1840; died at Manchester, England, August 28, 1888.
- 1864. Edward Montague Cary, a life member, born in ———; died at Naushon Island, September 2, 1888.
- 1867. Hon. Ebenezer Torrey, a life member, born in Franklin, Mass., August 16, 1801; died in Fitchburg, Mass., September 3, 1888.
- 1871. Nathan Robbins, a life member, born in Arlington, Mass., September 7, 1803; died in Arlington, September 5, 1888.
- 1845. Rev. Henry Gookin Storer, A.M., a corresponding member, born at Biddeford, Maine, November 12, 1813; died at Scarboro', Maine, September 19, 1888.
- 1850. Eleazer Franklin Pratt, a resident member, born in Boston, Mass., May 14, 1813; died in Boston, October 14, 1888.
- 1865. Hon. John Wentworth, LL.D., a life member, and honorary vice president for Illinois, born in Sandwich, N. H., March 5, 1815; died in Chicago, Illinois, October 16, 1888.
- 1859. Orlando Williams Wight, M.D., a corresponding member, born at Centreville, N. Y., February 19, 1824; died at Detroit, Michigan, October 19, 1888.
- 1863. Moses Field Fowler, a resident member, born in Peekskill, N. Y., in 1819; died in Boston, Mass., November 15, 1888.
- 1867. Lewis Brooks Bailey, a resident member, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., February 6, 1831; died in Boston, Mass., November 18, 1888.
- 1863. John Smith Futhy, a corresponding member, born in Chester County, Penn., September 3, 1820; died in West Chester, Penn., November 26, 1888.
- 1881. Henry Franklin Mills, a resident member, born in Boston, Mass., February 19, 1838; died in San Diego, California, December 7, 1888.
- 1862. Samuel Page Fowler, a resident member, born in Danversport, Mass., April 22, 1800; died in Danvers, Mass., December 15, 1888.
- 1870. Oliver Ditson, a life member, born in Boston, Mass., October 20, 1811; died in Boston, December 21, 1888.

Deaths in Previous Years.

1858. William Alvord Burke, born at Windsor, Vermont, July 7, 1811; died at Lowell, Mass., May 28, 1887.
1854. Prof. Jonathan Pearson, A.M., a corresponding member, born in Chichester, N. H., February 23, 1813; died in Schenectady, N. Y., June 20, 1887.
1870. Rev. David Temple Packard, A.M., a life member, born in North Bridgewater (now Brockton), August 24, 1824; died in Stockton, California, November 28, 1880.

Frank E. Bradish, A.B., in behalf of the committee appointed in November, to whom was referred the invitation from the committee of the citizens of New York to attend the Centennial Celebration of the Inauguration, April 30, 1789, of George Washington as President of the United States, reported the following votes which were all adopted:

Voted, That this Society accept the invitation of the committee of the citizens of New York on the Centennial Celebration of the Inauguration of George Washington as President, and that a delegation, of which the President of this Society shall be chairman, be appointed to represent this Society on that occasion.

Voted, That the remaining members of the delegation be appointed by the president, and that the Recording Secretary be requested to furnish each member of the delegation with the needful credentials.

Voted, That the corresponding secretary be requested to communicate to the committee of citizens of New York the acceptance of their invitation and the appointment of delegates.

Mr. Benjamin B. Torrey, chairman of a committee to prepare resolutions on the recent legacies to the Society by Mr. Ira B. Peck, of Woonsocket, R. I., and the Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., of West Newton, Mass., reported. The resolutions on the death of Mr. Peck are:

Whereas, Death has deprived the Society of an honored life member, Ira Ballou Peck, who has manifested his regard for the Society by a bequest of \$1000,

Resolved, That this Society mourns the loss of a liberal benefactor who has in many ways shown his interest in our objects and work.

Resolved, That we honor the zeal which he has shown in collecting the records of his paternal and maternal ancestors, spending his leisure for many years in gathering, preparing and publishing the history of the Peck family by an expenditure of much time and money, and also in collecting the genealogy of the Ballous.

Resolved, That as a citizen and business man he is entitled to our respect as one who has been honored by his associates and townsmen with numerous marks of their confidence and esteem.

Resolved, That we accept his bequest with gratitude, and will apply it to the use designated by him.

Resolved, That we sympathize with his family in their affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to them.

The resolutions on the bequest of the Rev. Dr. Tarbox are as follows. Resolutions on his death had been passed at a previous meeting:

Whereas, This Society has received from our late historiographer, Rev. Increase N. Tarbox, D.D., a legacy of \$250,

Resolved, That we would enter on our records our sense of this new evidence of his interest in our work and his generous contributions in behalf of the same.

Resolved, That to his remaining family a copy of these resolutions be sent, with the expression of our sympathy in their bereavement.

Both series of resolutions were adopted.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Henry H. Edes, the chairman, reported as follows:

The committee appointed at the December meeting to nominate officers for the current year submit the following report:

The new By-Laws, which go into full effect to-day, provide for the future government of the Society by a Council, a majority of whom, hereafter, are to be elected annually. This body is to take the place of the Board of Directors and of the six Standing Committees, formerly elected at the annual meeting, which together numbered about seventy officials,—a board of government which you have decided to be too unwieldy to do effectively the ever-increasing work of such a Society as ours.

In making up the ticket which makes a part of this report, your Committee have been embarrassed by the wealth of material at its command. In the past the work of this Society has fallen upon a few faithful and industrious men who have done alone what ought to have been shared by many. These men and their valuable services your Committee wished to recognize by placing some of their number in nomination to-day for seats in the new government; but the exigencies of the case made it impossible to nominate them all.

Beside those persons who, in former years, have held official positions in the Society, your Committee found upon our roll the names of not a few men whose valuable contributions to historical and genealogical literature, executive ability, and high standing in this community, marked them as especially desirable counsellors. Such of these gentlemen as have been invited to be candidates for your suffrages to-day have responded in the same spirit of earnest interest in the Society and its future welfare and usefulness, which has actuated your Committee in the discharge of the very delicate and responsible duty committed to their hands. Nor have the younger men in the Society been overlooked by your Committee, who, while glad to give them a representation at the Council Board, recognize that the wisdom and prudence which are born of age and experience should always have a controlling influence in our councils. There is a wide field for the activities of our younger men in the committee work which in future is to be directed by the Council; and your Committee have the assurance of the President, who for two years has filled our Executive Chair with so much dignity and ability, and with so much honor to the Society, that it is his purpose, if again reëlected to office, to utilize fully, in the direction indicated, the energy and enthusiasm of our younger members.

With a President alive to the opportunities and possibilities of the future; a Council composed of tried and trusted veterans and new members possessed of exceptional qualifications; a new code of By-Laws embodying the best features of many other codes; and the most cordial and friendly relations with each and all of our sister societies, our future is indeed full of promise.

In conclusion, your Committee unanimously nominate the following persons as candidates for officers of the Society for the year 1889.

HENRY H. EDES.
B. A. GOULD.
PETER THACHER.
WILLARD S. ALLEN.
GEORGE M. BODGE.

Boston, 2 January, 1889..

The president appointed the Hon. James W. Austin, the Rev. Henry A. Hazen, George K. Clarke, LL.B., David Greene Haskins, S.T.D. and James F. Hunnewell, A.M., a committee to receive and count the ballots. They reported that the candidates nominated were unanimously elected. The list will be found on page 3 of this pamphlet.

President Goodell having been reëlected, delivered his third annual address, which will be found in the preceding pages.

The corresponding secretary having declined to be a candidate for reëlection, on motion of Mr. Frank E. Bradish, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That in recognition of the faithful services of the corresponding secretary, Mr. Hamilton Andrews Hill, this Society tender to him this expression of our high appreciation of the fidelity and ability with which he has performed the labor of the office he so worthily filled the past two years.

On motion of Mr. Henry H. Edes it was

Voted, That the President's Address and the various reports offered at this meeting be referred for publication to the Council with full powers.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY IN 1888.

		Books.	Pamph-lets.	Mis-cella-neous.
William Allan,	Mac Donough, Md.	1		
John L. Alexander, M.D.,	Belmont, Mass.		15	
American Antiquarian Society,	Worcester, Mass.		2	
American Journal of Numismatics,	Boston, Mass.		4	
Lieut. George Andrews, U.S.A.,	Fort Snelling, Minn.	1		
Annual Reports from cities and towns,		5	11	
Society of Antiquaries,	London, England.	1		
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company,	Boston, Mass.			1
Astor Library,	New York City, N. Y.		1	
Daniel W. Baker,	Boston, Mass.	1	1	
Hon. Charles C. Baldwin, A.M.,	Cleveland, Ohio,	2		
George W. Baldwin,	Boston, Mass.	1		
Rev. Adin Ballou,	Hopedale, Mass.	1		
E. D. Barbour,	Boston, Mass.		1	
William Barrett,	St. Paul, Minn.	1		
Mrs. Isabel J. Batchelder,	Cambridge, Mass.			1
Hon. Charles H. Bell, LL.D.,	Exeter, N. H.	1		
Stephen Berry,	Portland, Me.		2	
Birchard Library,	Fremont, Ohio,		1	
Charles K. Bolton,	Cambridge, Mass.	1	1	
City of Boston,	Boston, Mass.	3		
Boston Public Library,	Boston, Mass.		1	
Boston Record Commissioners,	Boston, Mass.	1		
Bostonian Society,	Boston, Mass.		1	
Boston West Church,	Boston, Mass.	1		
Bowdoin College Library,	Brunswick, Me.		1	
Dwight E. Bowers,	New Haven, Conn.		1	
William Boyd,	Cambridge, Mass.	1		
Rev. Caleb D. Bradlee, D.D.,	Boston, Mass.	1		3
Robert Alonzo Brock, F.R.H.S.,	Richmond, Va.		2	
Rev. William H. Brooks, D.D.,	Hanover, Mass.		1	
John Coffin Jones Brown,	Boston, Mass.	3		
Miss E. A. Bulkley,	Southport, Conn.	1		
United States Bureau of Labor,	Washington, D. C.	1		
Rev. Augustine Caldwell,	Ipswich, Mass.		1	
California Historical Society,	San Francisco, Cal.	1		

		Books.	Pamph- lets.	Mis- cella- neous.
Rev. George F. Clark,	Hubbardston, Mass.	1		
George K. Clarke, LL.B.,	Needham, Mass.	2	1	
Robert Clarke,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	3		
Jeremiah Colburn, A.M.,	Brookline, Mass.	3	7	
Frederick O. Conant,	Portland, Me.	1		
Hon. Charles Cowley, LL.D.,	Lowell, Mass.	1		
Miss Angelina M. Cudworth,	East Boston, Mass.		26	
Gen. Charles W. Darling,	Oneida, N. Y.	2	2	
N. Darnell Davis,	Demerara, Br. Guiana,		1	
Miss Abby W. Deane,	Brookline, Mass.			1
Charles Deane, LL.D.,	Cambridge, Mass.		1	
John Ward Dean, A.M.,	Boston, Mass.	19	21	1
Gen. J. Watts De Peyster, LL.D.,	Tivoli, N. Y.		6	
James H. Dodge,	Boston, Mass.	1		
Lyman C. Draper, LL.D.,	Madison, Wis.		1	
Dean Dudley,	Wakefield, Mass.	1		
Dea. Elnathan Duren,	Bangor, Me.	1		
Pliny Earle, M.D.,	Northampton, Mass.	1		
Rev. Arthur W. H. Eaton, A.B.,	New York City, N. Y.	1		
Harrison Ellery,	Boston, Mass.	1	1	
William D. Ely,	Providence, R. I.		1	
Rev. Samuel H. Emery, A.M.,	Taunton, Mass.		1	
Charles S. Ensign,	Watertown, Mass.		1	
Ralph S. Ensign,	Simsbury, Conn.		4	
Essex Institute,	Salem, Mass.		2	
W. Tracy Eustis,	Boston, Mass.	2		
William Everett, Ph.D.,	Quincy, Mass.	1		
Mrs. Horace Fairbanks,	St. Johnsbury, Vt.		1	
Charles F. Farlowe,	Newton, Mass.			1
A. D. Weld French,	Boston, Mass.	2	4	10
Georgia Historical Society,	Savannah, Ga.		1	
Rev. Samuel L. Gerould,	Goffstown, N. H.		1	
James R. Gibson, Jr.,	New York City, N. Y.		3	
Abner C. Goodell, Jr., A.M.,	Salem, Mass.	12		
George A. Gordon, A.M.,	Somerville, Mass.		1	
Mrs. George Aston Gormley,	Sewickely, Penn.	6		
Grand Lodge of Mass.,	Boston, Mass.		4	
Hon. Samuel A. Green, M.D.,	Boston, Mass.	4	16	1
William W. Greenough, A.M.,	Boston, Mass.			1
Hon. J. J. H. Gregory,	Marblehead, Mass.	1		
Charles Griffin,			1	
Isaac W. Hammond,	Concord, N. H.	1		
Charles L. Hancock, A.B.,	Chicago, Ill.			1
Charles H. Hart,	Philadelphia, Penn.		1	
Warren Hapgood,	Boston, Mass.	1		
John Milton Hawkes, M.D.,	Lynn, Mass.	1		
Hon. Henry C. Hayden,	Woburn, Mass.	1		
Jabez H. Hayden,	Windsor Locks, Conn.	1		

		Books.	Pamph- lets.	Mis- cella- neous.
Rev. Henry A. Hazen, A.M.,	Auburndale, Mass.	1	2	
John E. Higgins,	Hartford, Conn.	6		
Daniel J. Hill, LL.D.,	Lewisburg, Penn.	1	2	
Don Gleason Hill,	Dedham, Mass.	1		
Frank A. Hill,	Boston, Mass.	1		
Hamilton A. Hill, A.M.,	Boston, Mass.		2	
Howard F. Hill,	Montpelier, Vt.		1	
Charles J. Hoadly, A.M.,	Hartford, Conn.	1		
Mrs. Sarah Day Holly,	Lakeville, Conn.		1	
Prof. Eben N. Horsford, A.M.,	Cambridge, Mass.	1		
C. H. Cutts Howard,	Brooklyn, N. Y.		1	
Joseph Jackson Howard, LL.D., F.S.A.,	London, Eng.		12	
Rev. Alfred S. Hudson,	Ayer, Mass.	1		
James F. Hunnewell, A.M.,	Charlestown, Mass.	1		
Mrs. Daniel T. V. Huntoon,	Canton, Mass.	31	23	24
Family of the late Hon. William Hyde,	Ware, Mass.	2		
Miss Frances B. James,	England,		1	
George F. Jenks,	Concord, N. H.		1	
F. C. Johnson,	Wilkes Barré, Penn.		2	
Charles C. Jones, LL.D.,	Augusta, Ga.		1	
William H. Kilby,	Eastport, Me.	1		
William H. Kennard,	Boston, Mass.	1		
Estate of the late Frederick Kidder,	Melrose, Mass.			1
Hon. Marcus F. King,	Portland, Me.			3
Rufus King,	New York City, N. Y.	1		
Henry A. Lamb,	Boston, Mass.			1
William B. Lapham, M.D.,	Augusta, Me.	4	1	
Robert M. Lawrence, M.D.,	Boston, Mass.	1		
Rev. William Lawrence, B.D.,	Cambridge, Mass.	1		
Charles W. Lenox,	Watertown, Mass.	1		
Arthur Lincoln, A.M.,	Boston, Mass.	1		
Charles H. Littlefield,	Lawrence, Mass.	2		
George E. Littlefield, A.B.,	Boston, Mass.		1	
George T. Littlefield,	Winchester, Mass.			1
John Mackay,	Portland, Me.	1		
Alfred A. Marcus,	Boston, Mass.		1	
Col. Lucius B. Marsh,	Boston, Mass.	2		
State of Massachusetts,	Boston, Mass.	9		
Massachusetts Historical Society,	Boston, Mass.	2		
Massachusetts Horticultural Society,	Boston, Mass.		2	
John J. May,	Boston, Mass.	1		
Samuel P. May,	Newton, Mass.	4		
William H. Maxwell,	Brooklyn, N. Y.		2	
Michigan State Library,	Lansing, Mich.	2		
George Bowne Millett, M.D.,	Penzance, Eng.	3		
Minnesota Historical Society,	St. Paul, Minn.	2		
John E. Morris,	Hartford, Ct.	1		
Hon. Edward S. Moseley, A.M.,	Newburyport, Mass.	2		

		Books.	Pamph-lets.	Mis-cella-neous.
John T. Moulton,	Lynn, Mass.		1	
Rev. Charles P. H. Nason, A.M.,	Germantown, Penn.		1	
National Association, of Wool Manufs.,	Boston, Mass.	1	3	
Rev. Edward D. Neill, D.D.,	St. Paul, Minn.		2	
State of New Hampshire,	Concord, N. H.	3		
New Haven Col. Hist. Society,	New Haven, Conn.	31		
New York Historical Society,	New York City,	1	2	
New Jersey Historical Society,	Newark, N. J.		1	
Cyrus Nowell,	Portland, Me.	1		
Omaha Public Library,	Omaha, Neb.		1	
S. S. Packard,	New York City, N. Y.	1		
Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D.D.,	Cambridge, Mass.			2
Francis V. Parker,	Boston, Mass.		10	
William Thornton Parker, M.D.,	Newport, R. I.		1	
Edward J. Paul,	Milwaukee, Wis.		8	
Jonathan E. Pecker,	Concord, N. H.	1		
Trustees of Peabody Education Fund,				1
Penn. Historical Society,	Philadelphia, Penn.	1	1	
B. F. Perry,	Greenville, S. C.		1	
W. P. W. Phillimore, M.A., B.C.L.,	London, Eng.		2	
Henry B. Plumb,	Askam, Penn.	1		
Frank L. Pope,	Elizabeth, N. J.		1	
Hon. Joseph W. Porter,	Bangor, Me.		1	
Charles T. Powell,	Boston, Mass.		1	
Hon. Benjamin F. Prescott, A.M.,	Epping, N. H.	1		
George Prince,	Boston, Mass.	1		
W. L. Proctor,	Ogdensburg, N. Y.		1	
David Pulsifer, A.M.,	Boston, Mass.		1	
Rev. William R. Pyncheon,	Hartford, Conn.			1
J. W. Randolph and English,	Richmond, Va.	1		
Rev. John J. Raven, D.D.,	Fressingfield, Eng.		1	
George B. Reed,	Boston, Mass.		1	
Rhode Island Historical Society,	Providence, R. I.	1	1	
Franklin P. Rice,	Worcester, Mass.		1	
Lewis Richards,	Reading, Penn.		1	
Charles A. Richardson,	Boston, Mass.		6	
Hon. William A. Richardson, LL.D.,	Washington, D. C.			1
Royal Historical Society of Canada,	Montreal, Canada,	1		
John Ruggles,	Boston, Mass.	1		
Rev. Ezekiel Russell, D.D.,	Holbrook, Mass.		1	
Hon. William E. Russell,	Cambridge, Mass.	1		
John H. Ryder,	Boston, Mass.		1	
J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A.,	Claughton, Eng.		4	
William C. Sharpe,	Seymour, Conn.		1	
James C. Sharp, for heirs of Stephen Badlam,	Dorchester, Mass.	48		10
Stephen P. Sharples,	Cambridge, Mass.	1		
William A. Sheppard,	Calcutta, India.			1
Smithsonian Institution,	Washington, D. C.	1		

		Books.	Pamph- lets.	Mis- cella- neous.
Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society,	Taunton, Eng.	7	.	
South Carolina Historical Society,	Charleston, S. C.	1	1	
Phineas Spalding, M.D.,	Haverhill, Mass.	1		
Charles A. Stearns,	Boston, Mass.	2		
W. Hudson Stephens,	Lowville, N. Y.		1	
George Sumner,	Worcester, Mass.		1	
Mrs. George W. Thacher,	New York City, N. Y.	1		
Peter Thacher,	Boston, Mass.	2		9
Rev. Leander Thompson,	North Woburn, Mass.	1		
William B. Trask, A.M.,	Boston, Mass.	5	5	
John H. Treat,	Lawrence, Mass.	60	245	
Rev. Joseph F. Tuttle, D.D.,	Crawfordsville, Ind.		7	
Capt. Frank K. Upham, U.S.A.,	Montana.			1
Virginia Historical Society,	Richmond, Va.	1		
Hon. Joseph B. Walker, A.M.,	Concord, N. H.	1		
Mrs. Joseph B. Walker,	Concord, N. H.	1		
William H. Wardwell,	Boston, Mass.		26	
Watchman Publishing Co.,	Boston, Mass.	1		
Hon. John Wentworth, LL.D.,	Chicago, Ill.		23	1
William W. Wheildon,	Concord, Mass.			2
William F. Whitcomb,	Boston, Mass.	1		
William T. White, M.D.,	New York City, N. Y.	1		
William W. Wight,	Milwaukee, Wis.		1	
Rev. R. O. Williams,	Upper Lisle, N. Y.	1		
Henry Williams, A.M.,	Boston, Mass.	1		
Hon. Joseph Williamson, A.M.,	Belfast, Me.	1	8	
Justin Winsor, LL.D.,	Cambridge, Mass.		2	
Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, LL.D.,	Boston, Mass.	1	2	
Wisconsin State Historical Society,	Madison, Wis.	4		
Henry A. Woods,	Boston, Mass.			1
Hon. Cyrus Woodman,	Cambridge, Mass.	1		
P. H. Woodward,	Hartford, Conn.		1	
Hon. Carrol D. Wright,	Washington, D. C.	1		
Aaron Young, M.D.,	Boston, Mass.			1

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENT GOODELL'S FAREWELL ADDRESS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOARD AT THE QUINCY HOUSE,
TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 1, 1889.

THE occasion of meeting my associates for the last time in the pleasant relation we have maintained for the past two years constrains me to offer some observations which seem appropriate to an event which cannot occur again, and which in the guise of separation, is, I trust, only the beginning of a closer union and warmer friendship.

First of all, gentlemen, I desire to thank you for the forbearance, the courtesy and the general harmony with which the business of this Board has been conducted during my connection with it officially. Rarely do men come together for a purpose which though directed to one main end, admits of so great a variety of methods, opinions, and aspects, with such sincere determination as you have manifested to subordinate individual preferences to the common good, and with such earnest desire to be influenced by the predilections and persuaded by the arguments of others. We may justly flatter ourselves, I think, that this is the result of that high culture and that perfect self-control which distinguish the true gentleman.

The present and the future welfare of our beloved Society has been the prevailing incitement of your action, and the constant object of your solicitude; and whatever changes of administration may betide us in the future, we can confidently assure ourselves

that our successors will exhibit no truer devotion, and will be guided by no more disinterested motives.

During the past year, one only of our number has closed his earthly career, though another it is sad to remember is permanently disabled by illness from attending our meetings. Considering the high average age we have attained, the generally short record of mortality in our ranks is remarkable, and is another illustration of what has been formerly observed here and elsewhere, that membership of historical societies seems conducive of longevity.

In comparing the list of directors with the record of admissions to membership, I find that our average term of membership is about twenty-five years, or a total of six hundred and seventy-four years. Longest on the list stands the name of our beloved Secretary who joined the Society in 1850. Next, in point of time, comes our honored friend Mr. William B. Trask, who was admitted in 1851. Then Mr. Whitmore succeeds, who though comparatively young in years, was made a member in 1854; and it seems hardly credible that that was nearly thirty-five years ago. Following Mr. Whitmore come the names, in the order in which I give them, of Mr. Woodman, Mr. Amory and Mr. Burrage, who were all admitted to membership in 1855. From the date of the admission of Rev. Mr. Bradlee, which was May 13, 1856, the record of our members proceeds, by regular yearly steps, to 1857, when Mr. Colburn was admitted; and then to 1858, when Mr. White came into the fold; and then, by another annual saltation, to 1859, when our friend Mr. May did us the honor to join our ranks. Two years next elapsed when the Rev. Mr. Slafter brought to our service his zeal, industry and learning. The occupant of this chair was not elected until a year later (1862), and so became the eleventh in the series of twenty-eight who constitute the board chosen at the last election. The youngest member of our family is our respected associate Mr. Willard S. Allen, who was taken into the Society April 5, 1877.

I have recounted these incidents in our personal and corporate history, to furnish a theme for discussion which I trust may be continued when we sit down to dinner presently.

On Saturday, the Treasurer did me the favor to exhibit his accounts for the past year, and to explain our financial condition. I trust he will excuse my anticipating his annual report by expressing gratification, in which I know you will heartily concur, that his

books show a balance of \$583.33 on the right side of the ledger (including the legacy of Rev. Dr. Tarbox), and that this represents the sum left in the treasury after wiping out the balance of the binding account, which had increased to \$239.58, and which, though thus small, had a rather portentous look, and was an erratic outstanding account which it was not pleasant to think of and a legacy which we would rather not transmit to our successors.

Now, having finished a successful career, and yet holding in our purse a sum sufficient to discharge all our obligations and leave a comfortable surplus, we can extend the New Year's greeting to our successors with the hope that they may be able to show equally good or better results a twelvemonth hence. Meanwhile, if no member has any business to offer that requires further delay, I invite you to a full and free discussion of what you shall find best suited to your taste at the table below, and conclude by wishing each of you a happy New Year.

B Y - L A W S

OF THE

NEW-ENGLAND

HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

1888

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

ON THE

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND

BY-LAWS.

THE Committee appointed at the March meeting of the Society to consider what changes are necessary or desirable in the Constitution and By-Laws, submit the following Report: —

The By-Laws of the Society and the Rules for the Government of the Board of Directors, with the amendments which at different times have been made thereto, never have been put into an available form, but are scattered through the records of the Society and of the Board of Directors, and the pages of the New-England Historical and Genealogical Register. Your Committee have been saved the labor of searching for them, however, by the kindness of the President, who tendered for their use a document, partly in print and partly in manuscript, prepared at his request by the Secretary of the Board of Directors. This document embodies the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules for the Government of the Board of Directors, together with all amendments to the present time. It has been accepted as practically complete, and has proved sufficient for the purposes of the Committee.

Your Committee have given earnest and thoughtful consideration to the subject referred to them by the Society, and have embodied their conclusions in a new Code of By-Laws submitted with this Report. The various provisions of the Code have been condensed, and arranged in chapters; and everything relating to their subject-matter is indicated by the titles of the chapters, or by the references at the end of each, thus avoiding repetition.

The distinction between the Constitution and the By-Laws, — which properly existed while we were a voluntary association without a Charter, — your Committee regard as without validity, since the Act of Incorporation is the only legal basis of our organization. Any declaration of the objects of the Society, or any definition of its Constitution, if inconsistent with this Charter, would be void, and, if in harmony with it, superfluous. This change, though apparently radical, is in fact only nominal, since substantially all the provisions of the Constitution, except those covered by the Charter, have been incorporated in the Code of By-Laws now reported by your Committee.

Another change proposed in the Code now offered is more important, and, as your Committee believe, is a great improvement on the old system. This is the substitution of a Council for the present Board of Directors, — a body fitted to administer the affairs of a business corporation rather than those of a literary society. By the plan now proposed the functions of the Board are not essentially changed, but its organization is different. Your Committee believe that the purpose which the annual election of Directors was intended to accomplish will be more effectually reached by a Council formed under the new system than by the Board of Directors under the old system, according to which the five Directors annually chosen constitute less than one-fifth of the whole Board. Your Committee cannot conscientiously recommend the continuance of a system which thus defeats the purpose of the annual election by virtually preventing

the Society from instituting any change of management not approved of by the permanent members of the Board, who are in a constantly increasing majority. Your Committee believe that our Society is the only one of the leading organizations of the country for the promotion of historical, scientific, or literary knowledge, that is not governed by a Council; and in framing the By-Laws now reported, your Committee have endeavored to adhere as closely as circumstances would permit to the arrangement of rules and distribution of official duties adopted by similar bodies that have found the management by a Council best adapted to the purposes of their organization.

To render the Council's proceedings stable your Committee propose that the term of office of one-third of the nine elected members of the Council shall expire each year; so that the three members elected to succeed them, together with the six officers annually elected who are members of the Council *ex officio*, will constitute a majority of the whole Board of fifteen, which your Committee believe to be as convenient a number as can be suggested. Thus the Society will be able to express its will effectually every year through its Councillors chosen at the Annual Meeting; while at the same time, two-thirds of the Councillors elected at the Annual Meeting will hold over, three of them for one year, and three for two years, after the election of their new associates.

Your Committee are also unanimously of opinion that the appointment of committees should rest with the Council rather than with the Society at its Annual Meeting. Greater deliberation in choice is thus secured; and the work will be more satisfactorily done by the fifteen Councillors, who can be held to a rigid accountability for their acts, than by the five members of the Committee on Nominations, whose responsibility ceases when their report has been made. This will relieve the Society from the labor of passing upon a long list of nominations at the Annual Meeting, — a list so long that

it never could be fairly canvassed, if opposition should be made to the nominees in detail.

Your Committee have provided also for the appointment of an Editor to take charge of all the publications of the Society, in order to secure uniformity of style and method in editorship. They have made this office distinct from that of the Librarian, in order that the duties of the two may be performed by separate persons, in case at any future time it should appear that these combined duties are too onerous for one person. Under the new Code, however, it is competent for one person to hold both offices, although the accountability for the two will be distinct and separate, as it should be, when the difference in their functions is considered.

These constitute all the principal changes, except that by the new Code the Recording Secretary is made the Secretary of the Council as well as of the Society, and is provided with an assistant to do certain routine work newly assigned to him; and that a more stringent system is proposed in respect to the incurring of debts and to the payment of money from the treasury.

The Act of Incorporation passed in 1845, and the subsequent Acts of 1868 and 1888 are presented, for convenience of reference, with the new Code of By-Laws which accompanies this Report.

In conclusion, your Committee unanimously recommend the adoption of the Code of By-Laws herewith reported, and for that purpose submit the Vote hereto annexed.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES L. FLINT.	AUGUSTUS T. PERKINS.
ANDREW P. PEABODY.	ALBERT H. HOYT.
INCREASE N. TARBOX.	JOHN T. HASSAM.
THOMAS C. AMORY.	HENRY H. EDES.
WILLIAM ENDICOTT, JR.	

Boston, May 2, 1888.

V O T E

SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Voted, That the following be adopted as the By-Laws of the NEW-ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, and that the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules for the Government of the Board of Directors now in force, and all other votes and rules inconsistent with these By-Laws, be, and the same are hereby, fully and absolutely repealed: *provided*, however, that nothing in this Vote, or in the By-Laws hereby adopted, shall operate to discontinue the functions of any officer, committee, or subordinate agent of the Society heretofore appointed or chosen; but all such persons shall remain in office according to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws hereby repealed until the Annual Meeting of the Society in 1889, as if this repeal had not been made.

NEW-ENGLAND
HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE.

An Act to incorporate the NEW-ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as
follows: —*

SECT. 1. — Charles Ewer, J. Wingate Thornton, Joseph Willard, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the NEW-ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, for the purpose of collecting, preserving, and occasionally publishing genealogical and historical matter relating to early New-England families and for the establishment and maintenance of a Cabinet; and for these purposes shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, requirements, and liabilities, set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. — The said Corporation may hold and possess real and personal estate, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

Acts of 1845, Chapter 152. Approved March 18, 1845.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT.

An Act to enable the NEW-ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY to hold an additional amount of property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECT. 1. — The New-England Historic Genealogical Society may take, by purchase, gift, grant, or otherwise, and hold, real and personal estate not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the amount authorized by the second section of chapter one hundred and fifty-two of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

SECT. 2. — This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

Acts of 1868, Chapter 100. Approved April 1, 1868.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT.

An Act to enable the NEW-ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY to hold additional real and personal property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECT. 1. — The New-England Historic Genealogical Society may take by bequest, gift, grant, or otherwise, and hold, real and personal estate not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars in value, in addition to the amount authorized by section two of chapter one hundred and fifty-two of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and by section one of chapter one hundred of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and exclusive of the value of all books, papers, pictures, and statuary now owned, or which may be hereafter acquired, by said Society.

SECT. 2. — This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

Acts of 1888, Chapter 227. Approved April 13, 1888.

New-England Historic Genealogical Society.

THE foregoing Report was unanimously accepted; and the Vote which accompanied it, together with the following By-Laws, was unanimously adopted by the Society, at the Stated Meeting in May, 1888.

Attest: DAVID G. HASKINS, JR.,
 Recording Secretary.

Boston, November 5, 1888.

BY - LAWS.

CHAPTER I.

THE CORPORATE SEAL.

ART. 1. — The device hitherto used by the Society, and here with printed, shall continue to be the seal of the Corporation, and may be affixed to any instrument by an impression in ink or by a stamp; namely, —



ART. 2. — The Recording Secretary shall have the custody of the seal, which shall be kept in the Society's House.

CHAPTER II.

MEMBERS AND DUES.

ART. 1. — The Resident Members of the Society shall be elected from among the residents of New England, and shall cease to be members whenever they cease to be residents thereof. Honorary and Corresponding Members shall be elected from among non-residents of New England, and Corresponding Members shall cease to be members if at any time they become residents thereof. Resident Members only shall be eligible to office or be entitled to vote or to take part in the business of the Society.

ART. 2. — A book shall be kept by the Recording Secretary, in the Society's House, in which any member may enter the name of any person whom he may regard as suitable to be nominated as a Resident, Corresponding, or Honorary Member. But no nomination shall be made except by a report of the Council at a Stated Meeting of the Society, nor be acted upon at the same meeting at which it is reported; nor shall more than one candidate for either Honorary or Corresponding Membership be reported at any one meeting. Transfers from one class of members to another class, however, may be made at any Stated Meeting upon the recommendation of the Council.

ART. 3. — Proposals of candidates shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the place of residence and qualifications of the person proposed, and, if for Resident Membership, of the fact that the candidate has been informed of the pecuniary obligation attaching thereto.

ART. 4. — All members shall be elected by ballot, at a Stated Meeting, by a majority of the votes cast. A separate ballot on any name shall be taken upon the request of three or more members.

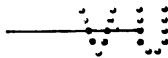
ART. 5. — Each Resident Member shall pay five dollars at the time of his admission, and three dollars each first of January afterward, into the treasury, for the general purposes of the Society ; but any member shall be exempted from the annual payment if, at any time after his admission, he shall pay into the treasury thirty dollars in addition to his previous payments ; and all commutations shall be and remain permanently funded, the interest only to be used for current expenses.

ART. 6. — If any person elected a Resident Member shall neglect, for three months after being notified of his election, to accept his membership in writing and to pay his admission fee, his election shall be void ; and if any Resident Member shall neglect to pay his annual assessment for six months after it shall have become due and his attention shall have been called to this article of the By-Laws, he shall cease to be a member ; but it shall be competent for the Council to suspend the provisions of this Article for a reasonable time.

ART. 7. — Diplomas signed by the President, and countersigned by the two Secretaries, shall be issued to all the members.

ART. 8. — Any member may be expelled for cause, at any Stated Meeting of the Society, upon the unanimous recommendation of the members of the Council present at any meeting thereof.

See Chap. vi. Art. 3 ; vii. 1 ; xiii. 1, 4.



CHAPTER III.

MEETINGS, QUORUM, AND AMENDMENTS.

ART. 1. — There shall be a Stated Meeting of the Society on the first Wednesday of every month except July, August, and September, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, in their House in Boston : *provided*, however, that the Council shall have authority to postpone any Stated Meeting,

or to dispense with it altogether, or to direct it to be held at another place, or at another hour, whenever, for any cause, they may deem it desirable or expedient. Special Meetings shall be called by either of the Secretaries, at the request of the President, or, in case of his death, absence, or inability, of one of the Vice-Presidents or of the Council.

The Stated Meeting in January shall be the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

ART. 2. — At all meetings the record of the preceding meeting shall be read by the Recording Secretary immediately after the presiding officer has called the meeting to order; after which, at all Special Meetings, the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted; and at all Stated Meetings the order of business shall be as follows:—

First, The reading of Papers and Essays.

Second, The Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

Third, The Librarian's Report.

Fourth, The Report of the Council.

Fifth, The Election of Members, and action on the recommendations of the Council.

Sixth, The Historiographer's Report.

Seventh, The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting, taken up in their order.

Eighth, The transaction of other business.

ART. 3. — Upon the request of the presiding officer, any motion or resolution, offered at any meeting, shall be submitted in writing.

ART. 4. — Ten members shall be a quorum for all purposes except for amendment of the By-Laws, which shall be made only at a Stated Meeting (in the notification of which mention has been made of a purpose to amend the By-Laws) at which not less than twenty members are present, and after the subject has been reported on by a Committee appointed for the purpose at a previous meeting of the Society.

See Chap. iv. Art. 1, 3; v. 2; vi. 1, 2, 5; vii. 3; viii. 1; ix. 2; x. 3, 6; xi. 1; xiii. 6, 9.

CHAPTER IV.

OFFICERS.

ART. 1. — The officers of the Society shall be a President, who shall be Chairman of the Council ; a Vice-President for each of the New-England States ; a Recording Secretary, who shall be Secretary of the Council ; a Corresponding Secretary ; a Treasurer ; and a Librarian ; — all of whom shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Meeting, and shall hold their respective offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and installed. At the Annual Meeting in 1889, nine members shall be elected, who, with the President, the Vice-President for Massachusetts, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Librarian, shall constitute the Council of the Society.

Three of the nine members first elected to the Council shall be elected to serve for one year, three for two years, and three for three years ; and thereafter three members shall be elected annually for terms of three years. Elections to fill vacancies which may occur in the Council shall be for the unexpired term or terms ; and such vacancies may be filled at any subsequent Stated Meeting, on nomination by the Council.

Each member of the Council shall have a vote.

ART. 2. — There shall be a Historiographer and an Editor of Publications appointed annually by the Council, to whom they shall be responsible for the proper discharge of their respective duties.

ART. 3. — At the Stated Meeting in December, a Nominating Committee, consisting of five persons, shall be appointed, who shall report at the Annual Meeting a list of members for the places to be filled.

See Chap. ii. Art. 1 ; ix. 2.

CHAPTER V.

THE PRESIDENT.

ART. 1. — The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Society; and, with the advice of the Council, shall superintend and conduct its prudential affairs.

ART. 2. — The President, and in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents (the Vice-President for Massachusetts having precedence), shall preside in all meetings of the Society. In the absence of all these officers, a President *pro tempore* shall be chosen.

ART. 3. — Unless otherwise ordered, all Committees shall be nominated by the presiding officer.

See Chap. ii. Art. 7; iii. 1, 3; iv. 1; vi. 5.

CHAPTER VI.

THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

ART. 1. — The Recording Secretary, or, in case of his death, absence, or inability, the Corresponding Secretary, shall warn all meetings of the Society, and of the Council, in such manner as the Council shall direct.

ART. 2. — He shall attend all meetings of the Society and of the Council, and shall keep an exact record of the same; entering in full all accepted reports of committees, unless otherwise specially directed, or unless the same are to be included in the printed Proceedings.

ART. 3. — He shall enter the names of all members systematically in books kept for the purpose.

ART. 4. — All books and papers in his official custody shall be the property of the Society, and shall be kept in the Library.

ART. 5. — In the absence of the President and of all the Vice-Presidents, he shall, if present, call the meeting to order, and preside until a President *pro tempore* is chosen.

See Chap. i. Art. 3; ii. 2, 7; iii. 1, 2; iv. 1; x. 4.

CHAPTER VII.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ART. 1. — The Corresponding Secretary shall inform all persons of their election as members ; send to each a copy of the By-Laws, calling attention to Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter II. ; and on their acceptance issue the proper diplomas.

ART. 2. — He shall conduct the correspondence of the Society not otherwise provided for, and deposit all original letters received and copies of all letters sent, in regular files, in the Library.

ART. 3. — At every Stated Meeting he shall read such communications as he may have received since the last Stated Meeting.

See Chap. ii. Art. 7 ; iii. 1, 2 ; iv. 1 ; vi. 1.

CHAPTER VIII.

THE TREASURER.

ART. 1. — The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due to the Society, and shall keep, in books belonging to it, regular and faithful accounts of all the moneys and funds of the Society that may come into his hands, and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, — which accounts shall be open always to the inspection of the Council ; and at the Annual Meeting he shall make a written or printed report of all his doings for the year preceding, of the amount and condition of all the property of the Society intrusted to him, and the character of the investments.

ART. 2. — He shall invest and manage the funds of the Society, with the consent and approval of the Council.

ART. 3. — When required to do so, he shall give bonds to the satisfaction of the Council for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

ART. 4. — He shall pay no moneys, except on draft of the Council, or of its duly authorized committee.

See Chap. ii. Art. 5 ; iv. 1 ; ix. ; xiii. 1.

CHAPTER IX.

APPROPRIATIONS, AND TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

ART. 1. — No person or committee shall incur any debt or liability in the name of the Society, unless in accordance with a previous vote and appropriation therefor by the Society or the Council.

ART. 2. — At the Stated Meeting in December an Auditing Committee, consisting of not less than two persons not members of the Council, shall be appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer for the year preceding, and at the Annual Meeting to report thereon, and on the state of any property of the Society in his hands.

CHAPTER X.

THE LIBRARIAN.

ART. 1. — The Librarian shall have charge of all the books, tracts, maps, manuscripts, and other property appropriate to the Library, and of all coins, works of art, remains of antiquity, and other articles appropriate to the Cabinet ; and shall cause to be made, and kept exact and perfect, catalogues of each and all of them, doing whatever may be in his power, at all times, to preserve and increase the collections under his care.

He shall properly assort, store, and safely keep, in such place or places as may be prescribed by the Council, all books, papers, and other articles not appropriate to the Library or the Cabinet.

He also shall be the custodian of the Society's House.

ART. 2. — He shall acknowledge every gift that may be made to the Library or the Cabinet, by a certificate addressed to the person making it.

ART. 3. — At every Stated Meeting he shall report in detail all gifts made to the Library and the Cabinet since the last Stated Meeting, with the names of the donors; and, at the Annual Meeting, he shall present a statement of the condition and wants of the Library and of the condition of the Cabinet, with notice of the important accessions to each during the year.

ART. 4. — He may have one or more assistants, appointed by the Council, who shall aid him in all or any of his duties; who also shall aid the Recording Secretary in warning meetings, copying reports, or in such other ways as may be required, and who shall render such other services to the Society connected with its Library, its proceedings, and its publications as the Council may direct.

ART. 5. — He shall be present in the Library, in person or by an assistant, at such hours and times as may be appointed by the Council for keeping it open, and shall endeavor to render it useful to all who may resort to it.

ART. 6. — He shall make all necessary preparations for the meetings of the Society, and of the Council to whom he shall be responsible for the proper discharge of his duties.

ART. 7. — He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Council shall determine.

* See Chap. iii. Art. 2; iv. 1.

CHAPTER XI.

THE HISTORIOGRAPHER.

ART. 1. — THE Historiographer shall collect materials for a history of the Society, prepare biographies of its deceased members for publication, and deposit the same in the Library. He may read at the Stated Meetings such of the biographies, or such parts of them, as he may deem advisable.

ART. 2. — He may have such assistants as the Council shall determine.

See Chap. iii. Art. 2; iv. 2; xiii. 2.

CHAPTER XII.

THE EDITOR OF PUBLICATIONS.

ART. 1. — THE Editor of Publications shall edit, under the direction of the Council, the New-England Historical and Genealogical Register, the Memorial Biographies of deceased members, the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting, and all other publications of the Society not specially committed to other editorial supervision.

ART. 2. — He shall receive such compensation for his services, and may have such assistants, as the Council shall determine.

See Chap. iv. Art. 2; xiii. 2.

CHAPTER XIII.

THE COUNCIL.

ART. 1.—The Council shall determine their own quorum; establish rules for the transaction of their business; fix all salaries; authorize all expenditures of money, drawing upon the Treasurer, from time to time, for such sums as may be required; provide all engraved or printed blanks, and books of record; act upon all resignations and forfeitures of membership; and see that the By-Laws are complied with.

They also may dispose, by sale or exchange, of any personal property not appropriate to the Library or the Cabinet.

ART. 2.—They shall appoint, annually, the Historiographer and the Editor of Publications.

ART. 3.—They shall appoint such subordinate officers and agents as they may deem necessary (who shall hold their respective offices during the pleasure of the Council), prescribe their duties, and allow them reasonable compensation.

ART. 4.—They shall report, at their discretion, nominations for Resident, Corresponding, and Honorary Members, to which not less than eight of their number shall have assented at a meeting of the Council.

ART. 5.—They shall meet in the Society's House within one week previous to every Stated Meeting, on such day and at such hour as they may fix by standing rule, and, upon notice, at such other times as the Chairman shall appoint, for the discharge of their appropriate duties, and for furthering the transaction of such business as may be brought before the Society.

ART. 6.—They shall report, at every meeting of the Society, such business as they may deem it advisable to present.

ART. 7. — They may appoint, for terms not exceeding one year, and prescribe the functions of, such committees of their number, or of the members of the Society, as they may deem expedient, to facilitate the administration of the Society's affairs.

ART. 8. — They shall make all proper rules and regulations for the use of the Library and the Cabinet.

ART. 9. — At the Annual Meeting they shall make an Annual Report. It shall include a detailed statement of the condition of the Library and the Cabinet, both of which they shall carefully examine annually in the month of December.

See Chap. ii. Art. 2, 6, 8; iii. 1, 2; iv. 1, 2; v. 1; vi. 1, 2; viii.; ix.; x. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7; xi. 2; xii.



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